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Suggestion outlined below re identification procedures in event Soviet withdrawal from Berlin access checkpoints has been made within Department. Believe Embassy may wish develop this suggestion and propose it for discussion as one possible approach to identification problem. We have not discussed suggestion tripartitely here. While it has not been given detailed consideration within Department, we have tentatively concluded that it does not raise serious legal problems although it may raise practical problems. Would appreciate Embassy's comments.

It has been suggested that:

1. Form resembling present movement order might be prepared for each movement (not for each individual traveler), in duplicate for trains and in triplicate for Autobahn movements.

2. Copies of this form might be handed to GDR officials at checkpoints at Marienborn railway station in case of trains and at both Howaves and Marienborn in case of Autobahn movements.

3. Date-time stamp might be affixed to both copies by train just before handing copy to GDR official at Marienborn railway station. Date-time stamp might be affixed to all copies by convoy commander just before handing copy to GDR official at Autobahn checkpoint at place of entry into Soviet Zone. For individual vehicles, date-time stamp might be affixed to all copies by military police at Allied checkpoint just before entry into Soviet Zone. (There should be no need to affix additional date-time stamp when Autobahn movement clears checkpoint leaving Soviet Zone.)

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